

SHARED DISTRIBUTED MEDIA
RESOURCES IN A COMMUNICATION NETWORK

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A method for sharing distributed media resources includes determining at a first call manager that a telephony device controlled by the first call manager requires the use of a media resource device. The method further includes selecting an appropriate media resource device from a media resource group list associated with the telephony device. In addition, the method includes communicating an allocation request to a device process that is associated with the selected media resource device and that is executing at a second call manager controlling the selected media resource device.